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SITUATION REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-20

FILE NAME: Project HENDON

Report#: 049-2022

Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-20 at 1230 hours.

The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.

ARREST OF [REDACTED]: UTTER THREATS

On 2022-02-16, the OPP received a complaint about [REDACTED] who was alleged to have made online threats regarding killing police. [REDACTED] was arrested on 2022-02-18 at his residence. He was wearing a bulletproof vest and was in possession of a loaded handgun at the time of his arrests. Several firearms were seized, along with ammunition, magazines and other weapons. ¹

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is continuing to clear protestors and deal with potential hotspots.

¹ OPP Niche RMS occurrence RC22026053 dated 2022-02-17

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OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

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- Open source research has identified the following:
 - An online video statement by James BAUDER advising everyone left in Ottawa to leave.
 - A video interview of THE CRACKPOT FARMER in which he states that he is from near Medicine Hat, Alberta. He states that COVID-19 was exploited by the World Economic Forum to suit the purpose of “very high up people” who have an overall plan. He also states that his presence in Ottawa was guided by God.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) reports a possible protest in solidarity with Ottawa residents scheduled for 2022-02-20 at Toronto City Hall, as well as another march by convoy supporters. The TPS does not anticipate large attendance at these events.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Open source research has identified social media messaging regarding a Community Solidarity Rally and March scheduled for 2022-02-20 at 1300 hours, starting at 100 Queen Street West.
- Social media messaging also calls for another freedom movement march today in Toronto that will include maskless shopping and illegal parking so it will be difficult for police to stop.
- Social media messaging identifying the Holocaust Memorial at the “McDonald Bridge” outside the “red zone” as the new “convoy camp”. We infer that the reference is to the Macdonald-Cartier Bridge in Ottawa. The message also notes that buses will be travelling to Toronto.

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:

- The Ambassador Bridge remains open and traffic is moving normally.
- The OPP reports a very small protest near the bridge this morning.

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- The OPP has reported that blockade supporters in Windsor are fundraising to support Windsor residents arrested in the protest at the Ambassador Bridge last weekend.

BLUE WATER BRIDGE:

- The Blue Water Bridge is open with no protestors on site and traffic is moving normally.

PEACE BRIDGE:

- Police reporting indicates that a slow roll may be scheduled for today from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (CORNWALL):

- Police are monitoring for activity at the port of entry – no activity and little information to suggest that there could be a protest on the weekend.

LANSDOWNE BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

NORTHWEST REGION:

- OPP noted small slow-roll protests around Dryden and Thunder Bay. The Thunder Bay protest drove to the area of the Pigeon River border crossing and parked off of the highway.
- OPP reporting has identified a potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge scheduled for 2022-02-26.

ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- OPP has identified a number of vehicles, apparently from the Ottawa blockade, parked at HERB'S TRAVEL PLAZA in Vankleek Hill. The available information indicates that they may remain on site until the House of Commons votes on the invocation of the Emergencies Act.

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- OPP reporting indicates that a protest in support of those arrested in Ottawa on 2022-02-18 may be planned in Hawkesbury on 2022-02-21.

ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Open source research identified a video by THE CRACKPOT FARMER in which he states that the trucks are not leaving, but only re-grouping to plan for next steps.
- Open source research identified social media messaging on the FREEDOM CONVOY FORT ERIE BORDER Facebook page calling for slow rolls in Niagara, Chippawa, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and Welland. The author suggests going past all MPs' offices and city halls honking horns.
- Open source research identified a video depicting a protest at the OPP Quinte West Detachment against the enforcement actions taken at the blockade in Ottawa. A male states that everyone should do the same at their local police department.
- Open source research has also identified social media messaging calling for a slowdown doing repetitive loops from off ramp to on ramp at all service centres on the 400 series highways. The author also calls for possibly targeting rail lines.

OTHER

- Open source research has identified a series of images and texts that appear to depict off-duty uniformed police officers in Ottawa and their text correspondence amongst each other. A caption on one of the images notes that it was taken in the Chateau Laurier. The texts appear to be casual banter, but include phone numbers, names, the need for gas masks, and praise for the tactics that the mounted unit deployed against protestors at the Ottawa blockade. One text states that the protestors need to hear the sounds of police "jackboots". They also include information that appears to be related to operational timings.

Some of the images were shared on Randy HILLIER's Facebook page with a caption that decried the comments in the texts; stated that they hate the people who stood up against the Prime Minister's "tyranny"; and urged readers to remember the names and faces of the officers "forever".

The texts were also discussed in an online video by THE CRACKPOT FARMER.

- A US Congresswoman reportedly plans to introduce legislation offering asylum to convoy participants and supporters who she describes as being persecuted by the federal government.

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- Open source research identified an image alleged to be of a United Nations (UN) plane at the airport in North Bay “within striking distance of Ottawa”.

In an online video, THE CRACKPOT FARMER also noted the presence of a UN plane in North Bay and suggested that there were UN troops amongst the police in Ottawa.

ASSESSMENT

It is almost certain that anti-authority and anti-government protests, blockades, and acts of mischief in support of, or inspired by, the convoy protests will continue in the short, medium, and long term. Some blockade organizers and supporters have framed the blockade and related protests as a “war” that they will continue to fight. Support from public figures continues to validate the convictions of some protestors, supported by deeply-held religious beliefs and conspiracy theories, that they are in the right and that the government and its institutions represent a malevolent, authoritarian force. Online disinformation and misinformation will continue to feed these beliefs and to inspire further protests.

The leaking of police text messages and images online is indicative of an insider threat that could sow distrust within law enforcement. Additionally, the publicizing of police officers’ names or phone numbers potentially leaves the respective officers vulnerable to threats by freedom movement supporters or other anti-authority ideologues. The content of some of the texts, such as praise for the mounted unit’s tactics in Ottawa and references to police “jackboots” validates and reinforces the protestors’ extant narrative of police as a tool of a malevolent, authoritarian state. The texts undoubtedly have propaganda value for the protestors, as well as for other extreme actors not associated with the freedom convoy blockades and related protests. It is highly likely that the images and text messages will continue to circulate online and be leveraged by various actors for the purpose of encouraging further civil unrest.

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Appendix: Anticipated Events

OTTAWA			
CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
20-Feb-22	1100 hrs	Rally at War Museum	• Approx. 40-50 people at intersection of SJAM and Booth • Group is peaceful, standing on sidewalks with signs, drumming and chanting • Signs read "On the right side of history"
U/K	U/K	Salmon Arm to Ottawa	• Bus to have left Salmon Arm BC on 19 Feb with overnight in Medicine Hat, continuing east on 20 Feb • Post was on a page with 24 followers; limited engagement with the posts related to this event • Social media post approx. 0100 hrs 20 Feb 2022 advising the bus was in Calgary (OPP OSINT / 1233 hrs / 20 Feb 22)

TORONTO - QUEEN'S PARK			
CURRENT SITUATION - TORONTO			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
20-Feb-22	1300 hrs to 1500hrs	Community Solidarity TO	Hosted by Urban Alliance on Race Relations & Toronto-York Region Labour Council Coalition of Toronto labour, anti-racist and social organizations Non-confrontational rally and march Beginning at Toronto City Hall at 1300 hrs

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WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
26-Feb-22	1530 hrs	Bake Sale for the Freedom Fighter Defense	• 4810 Wyandotte St E, Windsor

NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION - NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
20-Feb-22	1330 hrs	Niagara Slow Roll	1330 hrs slow-roll Start from Husky at Niagara on the Lake

QUEENSTON-LEWISTON BRIDGE (NIAGARA ON THE LAKE)			
CURRENT SITUATION - QUEENSTON-LEWISTON BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - QUEENSTON-LEWISTON BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
20-Feb-22	1330 hrs	Niagara Slow Roll	1330 hrs slow-roll Start from Husky at Niagara on the Lake

OTHER AREAS / EVENTS			
OTHER EVENTS - SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
0630 hrs	Dunnville	Support for Ottawa Freedom Convoy	Bus trip planned from Dunnville Departure at 0630 hrs from Julias Bistro Estimated arrival in Ottawa at 1130 hrs Return to Dunnville, departs Ottawa at 1700 hrs Cost: \$65/person

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OTHER EVENTS - MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
Week of 21 Feb 2022	Canada	FREEDOM WEEK	Week of 21 Feb 2022 Organizers associated to the Ottawa truck convoy are encouraging individuals to participate in a week of civil disobedience
1200 hrs	Perth County & Wellington County	WE STAND WITH OUR TRUCKERS CONVOY 2022 Perth-Wellington Freedom	Start: Atwood Community Centre Departing 1200 hrs – Slow Roll Route: Atwood Community Centre – Listowel – Gowanstown – Palmerston – Teviotdale – Rothsay & Drayton – Driscoll Farms at 7153 Side Road 12 Approx. end time: 1430 hrs at Driscoll Farms
1300 hrs	Kingston	Proud to be Canadian / Ashamed of my Government	Kingston Family Day Slow Roll Location: Hwy 38 & Gardiners Rd carpool lot Meet 1300 hrs / Depart 1330 hrs
U/K	Hawkesbury	Support Protest for those arrested in Ottawa	Support protest in Hawkesbury on Monday (family day) for those arrested today in Ottawa.

OTHER EVENTS - MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Canadian Embassy GM Building Detroit, Michigan, USA	US-CAN freedom alliance PART 2	Potential protest at Canadian Embassy in Detroit, MI. Unknown #'s attending.

OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1000 hrs	Peterborough	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	Peterborough Slow Roll Meeting at Metro parking lot at 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough
U/K	Nipigon	Nipigon Bridge POE	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022

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OTHER EVENTS - UNKNOWN DATE			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Thunder Bay	Canada Unity - Operation BearHug Canada	"ThunderBay officially joined in the fun and has launched #BearHugCanada today... Strategic bridges, border crossings - 1000 tractors/farmers going to a border crossing with 5000 semis and personal vehicles." Post states it "has the potential of being another Windsor or Coutes".

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